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SUBJECT: RABIN TO PAY FINE IN LIEU OF TRIAL

1. ACCORDING TO A PRESS BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT
PRESS OFFICE, THE FINANCE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN
ANNOUNCED APRIL 11 THAT THE MINISTRY DECIDED:
"A. TO FORWARD THE CASE OF MRS. LEAH RABIN
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN ORDER
FOR IT TO BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.
B. TO IMPOSE ON MR. YITZHAK RABIN A MONETARY
INDEMNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS."

2. TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS WORKED
OUT BETWEEN RABIN AND THE TREASURY TO APY A FINE AND
FOR HIS WIFE LEAH TO STAND TRIAL FOR VIOLATING FOREIGN
EXCHANGE REGULATIONS. THUS, RABIN HAS APPARENTLY
REVERSED HIS EARLIER DECLARED DECISION NOT TO SEPARATE
HIS CASE FROM THAT OF HIS WIFE. THE TREASURY IS
APPARENTLY SATISFIED THAT RABIN'S ROLE IN THE INFRACTION
WAS PASSIVE AND THEREFORE AGREED TO LET HIM OFF WITH THE FINE.
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3. RABIN'S DECISION NOT TO GO TO TRIAL REPORTEDLY
CAME AFTER HEARING FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THERE
IS NO WAY FOR HIM TO RELINQUISH HIS PERMIERSHIP BEFORE
FORMATION OF A POST-ELECTION GOVERNMENT (SEE SEPTTEL).
ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE DIGNITY OF THE
OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER WOULD SUFFER FROM A COURT CASE.

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